U.S.-Japan Fact Sheet on Climate Change Cooperation

The United States and Japan share the view that anthropogenic climate change represents a threat to the security and economic development of all nations. On the occasion of their meeting today in Tokyo, Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida expressed serious concern about anthropogenic climate change and its worsening impacts.

Cooperative efforts between the United States and Japan demonstrate our shared commitment to advancing climate action in the multilateral context. Together we have promoted low-emissions development and supported those vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, a demonstration of our commitment to working to preserve our environment for our citizens, those of our international partners, and for our children and generations to come.

To further our shared goals, we will hold a new bilateral dialogue, based on three pillars of cooperation: a new, ambitious, global, post-2020 international agreement to combat climate change, cooperation to advance low-emissions development in the world, and cooperation on constructing climate-resilient societies.

Specifically, the United States and Japan seek to join with other partners, both bilaterally and multilaterally, in a renewed effort to craft an ambitious post-2020 agreement that is applicable to all countries.

We plan to deepen our mutual engagement in advancing low-carbon growth. The U.S. and Japan expect to cooperate to develop and disseminate knowledge related to low carbon growth through the Low Emission Development Strategies Global Partnership and the East Asia Low Carbon Growth Partnership.

We are prepared to work together and with other partners on issues relating to climate risk reduction and adaptation planning to temper current and future climate impacts.

We are also collaborating on ways to mobilize private finance for action in developing countries and on reducing short-lived climate pollutants.

Moving forward, the governments of the United States and Japan intend to continue to treat climate change as an issue of high priority in the bilateral relationship as we work towards an ambitious and coordinated global response to this serious challenge.